GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4584
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2016
Increase in Fare
Patel Shri Natubhai Gomanbhai

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the fare of Rajdhani, Duranto and Shatabdi trains;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
(c) whether the Government is likely to increase fare of other trains as well as classes particularly sleeper class; and
(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4584 BY SHRI NATUBHAI GOMANBHAI PATEL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 14.12.2016 REGARDING INCREASE IN FARE.

(a) & (b): W.e.f. 09.09.2016, Flexi Fare system has been introduced in Rajdhani, Duronto and Shatabdi trains. Under this system, the base fare increases by 10% with every 10% of berths sold subject to maximum ceiling limit of 1.5 times in classes Second AC, Sleeper, Second Sitting (Reserved), AC Chair Car and 1.4 times in 3rd AC class. No change has been made in the fares for Ist AC and Executive class of travel. There has been substantial increase in the operating cost of the Railways over the past few years. Rajdhani/Duronto/Shatabdi trains are highly prestigious trains with better facilities in train, service, speed and punctuality of trains, etc. and highly popular and preferred over other trains on the route. Therefore, Rajdhani/Duronto and Shatabdi trains have been taken for Flexi Fare.
(c) & (d): Evaluation of various alternatives relating to rationalisation of Passenger Fare is an on-going process.
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